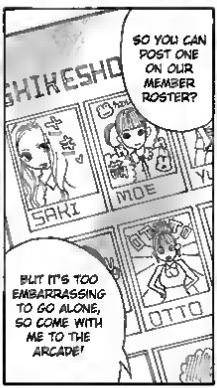
CHAPTER 12

ICHII NANAKO 2

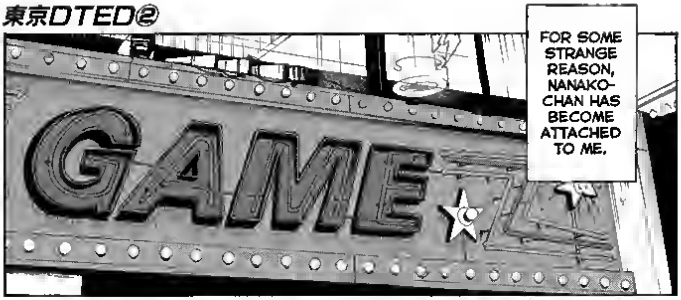
TODAY WE'RE DOING SCHOOL UNIFORMS.
WE'RE HAVING ANOTHER COS-PLAY DAY WHICH WE HOLD A COUPLE TIMES A MONTH
SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY
Saki Mae
Yuka Hinata
Nanase
SHIKESE
SHIKESE
CLOSED
TECCHAN!
萌

GO OUT?!
TO GET PHOTO STICKERS!
WHAT?
SQUEEZE
HEH?!
HEY
CAN WE GO OUT TOGETHER?

SO THAT'S HER ANGLE
SURE, WHY NOT?
YAY! LET'S GO!
CLOSE


SO YOU CAN POST ONE ON OUR MEMBER ROSTER?
SARI
MOE
BUT IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING TO GO ALONE, SO COME WITH ME TO THE ARCADE!

AHH
OUR BOSS GAVE ME MONEY TO GO GET PHOTO STICKERS


GAME
FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, NANAKO-CHAN HAS BECOME ATTACHED TO ME.

EH?!
THERE'S A TIME LIMIT, SO HURRY!
GRAB
WHOA!

EH?
THEN LET'S TAKE THE REST TOGETHER!
COME ON!

I JUST HAVE TO TAKE ONE BY MYSELF, RIGHT?
YEAH

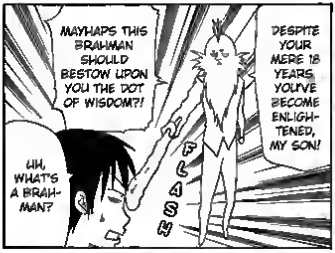
HEY HEY TECCHAN..

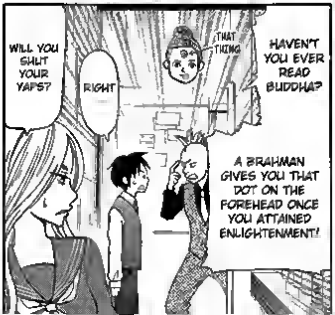
HER FACE... IT'S WAY CLOSE!
FLASH

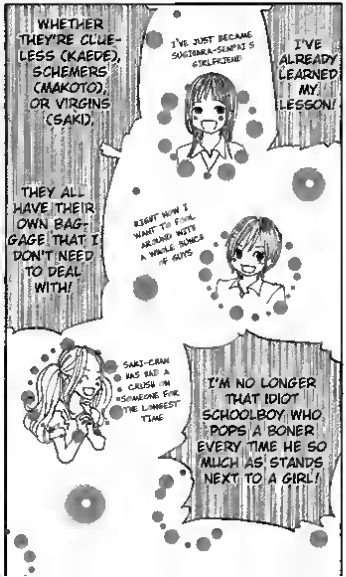
WHAT?!
ARE YOU FREE ON SUNDAY?
BEAT
BEAT
YOU SHOULD COME SEE MY ROADSIDE CONCERT!
OHH
THE ONE IDOLS DO?
BEAT
THAT'S WHAT SHE'S GETTING AT...
I SWEAR, THAT GIRL IS CLUELESS.
LIKE A PET
SHE'S BECOME REALLY ATTACHED TO ME
YEP
AS YOU CAN SEE
BUT ONCE YOU GET FRIENDLY WITH HER, SHE BECOMES OVERLY INTIMATE.
AND SINCE SHE'S A BIT ON THE SHY SIDE, WHEN YOU DO GET FRIENDLY WITH HER YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE SHE OPENS UP TO.
I'LL BET A LOT OF GUYS LIKE HER.
SINCE THEY'LL GET THE WRONG IDEA...
NANAKO
HUH?
NOT SAYING SHE'S A TOTAL RETARD

WELL
TO BE FRANK
I SEE
AHH
BUT I SUPPOSE THE EARNINGS WILL BE WORTH IT
PATRONS WILL DEFINITELY FALL FOR HER
THE FACT SHE'S NOT SCHEMING MAKES IT THAT MUCH WORSE

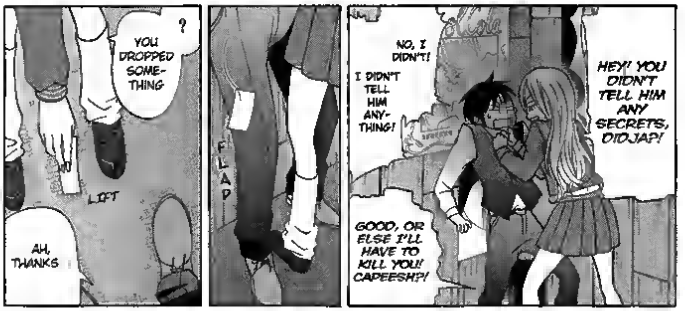
OH, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
YOU'RE THE ONE I'M MOST WORRIED ABOUT.


MAYHAPS THIS BRAHMAN SHOULD BESTOW UPON YOU THE DOT OF WISDOM?!
DESPITE YOUR MERE 18 YEARS, YOU'VE BECOME ENLIGHTENED, MY SON!
UH, WHAT'S A BRAHMAN?
FLASH


WILL YOU SHUT YOUR YAPS?
RIGHT
THAT THING
HAVEN'T YOU EVER READ BUDDHA?
A BRAHMAN GIVES YOU THAT DOT ON THE FOREHEAD ONCE YOU ATTAINED ENLIGHTENMENT!


WHETHER THEY'RE CLUELESS (KAEDE), SCHEMERS (MAKOTO), OR VIRGINS (SAKI).
I'VE JUST BECAME SUGIYAMA-SENPAI'S GIRLFRIEND!
I'VE ALREADY LEARNED MY LESSON!
THEY ALL HAVE THEIR OWN BAGGAGE THAT I DON'T NEED TO DEAL WITH!
RIGHT NOW I WANT TO FOCUS ARUSHU WITH A WHOLE BUNCH OF GUYS
SAKI-CHAN WAS BAD A CRUSH ON SOMEONE FOR THE LONGEST TIME
I'M NO LONGER THAT IDIOT SCHOOLBOY WHO POPS A BONER EVERY TIME HE SO MUCH AS STANDS NEXT TO A GIRL!

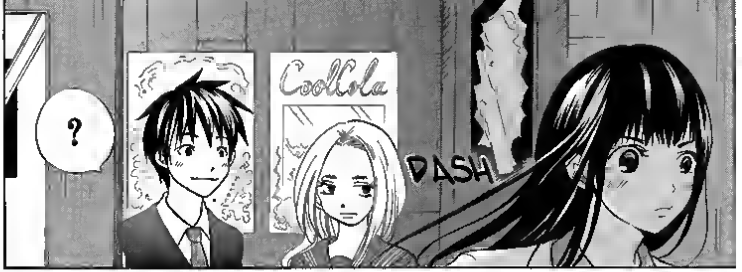
SUGI-HARA-KUUN!
COME HERE FOR A SEC!
SO
WHO ARE THESE WOMEN
YOU LABELED "CLUELESS," "SCHEMER," AND "VIRGIN?"


YOU DROPPED SOME-THING
?
LIFT
AH, THANKS
FLAP
HEY! YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM ANY SECRETS, DIDJA?!
NO, I DIDN'T!
I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANY-THING!
GOOD, OR ELSE I'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU! CAPEESH?!

WHAT'S THIS?
WE TOOK THOSE TOGETHER JUST NOW.
SHE NEEDED TO PUT ONE ON THE MEMBER ROSTER.
OHH?

YAYAYA
YY
FUUU
FUUU

OKAY
NANAKO-CHAN HASN'T GOTTEN ALL THAT COMFORTABLE WITH THE OTHER GIRLS YET
SO SHE'S SORT OF BECOME ATTACHED TO ME SINCE WE'RE THE SAME AGE.
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
...SO THIS TIME
YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE WITH NANAKO-CHAN?
NANAKO-CHAN
AH
TECCHAN
PLEASE DO
SORRY! IT'S NOT EASY FOR US WOMEN TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER!
I'LL TRY HARDER TO BE FRIENDS WITH HER!
ON SUNDAY, OKAY!?
I'LL BE SEEING YOU
UH
YEAH, SURE THING
@CHACE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CoolKola
DASH

HUH?
CRUSH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SUNDAY?

SUNDAY
TECCHAN!
AH!

WOW! YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL IDOL!
THANK GOD!
YOU CAME FOR ME!
EH HEH HEH
IS MY COSTUME CUTE OR WHAT?
SPIN
LOOK AT THE SKIRT
I REALLY LIKE
FLUTTER
HOW IT'S ALL LACY!
!?
OOH!
HOW CUTE!
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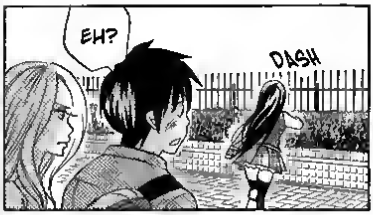
SAKI-SAN SAID SHE WAS INTERESTED IN THESE THINGS
AND I THOUGHT THE MORE SPECTATORS THE BETTER.
BUT WHY?
I DECIDED TO TAG ALONG.
AH!
YEAH
WE DO LACK SPECTA-TORS
DESERTED
NO!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE...
HELL, AM I JUST THE THIRD WHEEL HERE?
DID I SAY SOMETHING HORRIBLE JUST NOW?
DASH
AH!
CO-MING!
NANAKO!
GET READY!

AH!
NO! WHAT I MEANT WAS...
BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID THESE THINGS INTEREST YOU
YEAH... IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T REALLY GET THE WHOLE IDOL BUSINESS
HUH?
WHY SAY THAT?
...!
BLUUSH
WHAT I WAS ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN WAS...
?
AND JUST SO YOU KNOW
I DON'T REALLY GET THE WHOLE IDOL CRAZE EITHER.
YEAH
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CALLS ME "SUGIHARA-KUN"
THAT REMINDS ME, SAKI-SAN
AH HAH HAH
WHY THE SUDDEN FORMALITY?
MY INTEREST LIES WITH NANAKO-CHAN

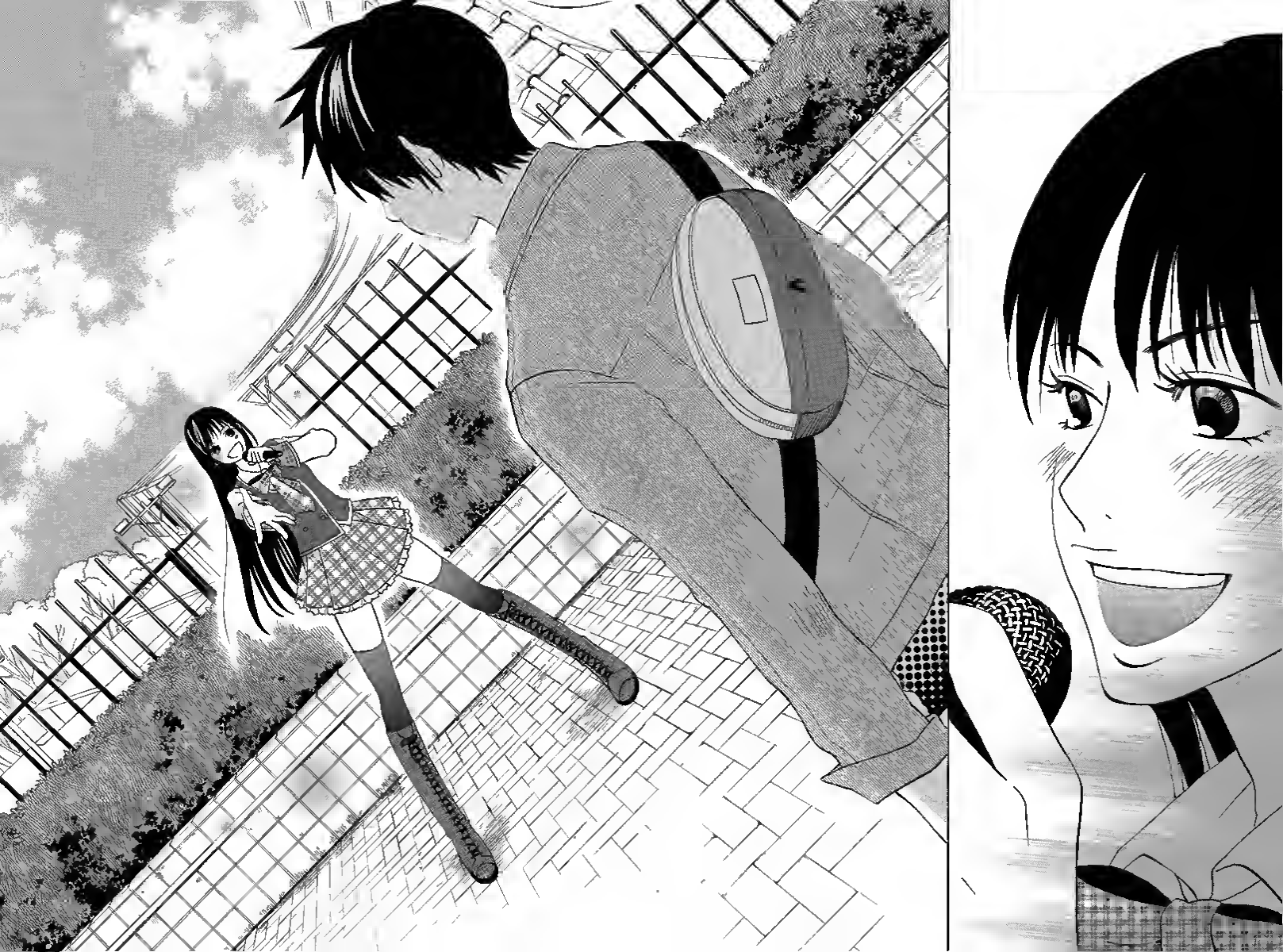
MIFFED
IS THAT SO?
SO YOU DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT WHAT I DO.
WHAA?
HOW LONG WERE YOU...
LOOK, I'M SORRY!
I TOTALLY CARE!
I JUST DON'T GET IT THAT MUCH
HMM?
FINE, I'LL MAKE YOU GET IT
AND I'M NOT A DOG, TECCHAN!
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN "ATTACHED" TO YOU!

SO TODAY
I'M GOING TO SING JUST FOR YOU!


EH?
DASH

HI, EVERY-ONE!
THIS IS ECLAIR!

THANKS FOR COMING TO SEE ME!
TECCHAN!



THE PEOPLE WALKING ON THE SIDE-WALKS
STOPPED TO LISTEN.
I'LL GET US SOME-THING TO DRINK

WE THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

TECCHAN! WHAT DID YOU THINK?!

JUST FOR ME...

I'M STARTING TO RESPECT WHAT YOU DO,
I MEAN
YOU MANAGED TO DRAW MORE SPECTATORS
NANAKO-CHAN
WHICH I THOUGHT WAS AMAZING.
AH HAH HAH
WHY SO STIFF?
UH...
I THOUGHT IT WAS AWE INSPIR-ING.
WHY WON'T YOU JUST CALL ME "NANAKO"?!
MIFFED
GAWD!
...
OOPS
IT'S JUST MY FIRST NAME!
WHY NOT?!
I
STILL CAN'T DO THAT WITH-OUT BLUSH-ING!
SHYNESS OVER SIMPLY CALLING SOMEONE BY THEIR FIRST NAME...
SUGI-HARA-KUN!
NANAKO-CHAN! YOU GUYS WANT DRINKS?
WHOA
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THAT'S THE MYSTIFYING FEELING NOW OVERWHELM-ING ME.

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I WANT TO
FORGET
ABOUT
YOU

TOKYO DTED

CHAPTER 11

MAKOTO, BELOW A CERTAIN ELEVATED STRUCTURE IN SHIMOKITAZAWA

PERFUME'S "GAME"

LIKES TO LISTEN TO THIS SONG ON WALKS.